

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this patent application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims have been subjected to a restriction requirement. Claims 9-15 have been cancelled, Claims 16-21 have been inserted, and consequently, Claims 1-8 and 16-21 are now active in this patent application.

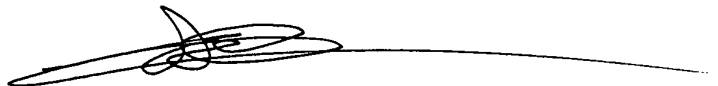
The Examiner has required restriction between the apparatus invention originally embodied within Claims 1-8 and the method invention originally embodied within Claims 9-15.

In response to the aforementioned restriction requirement, Applicants hereby elect to prosecute within the present patent application the apparatus invention as originally embodied within Claims 1-8.

Accordingly, Claims 9-15 have been cancelled, Applicants reserving their right to file one or more divisional patent applications in connection with the subject matter originally embodied within such claims. In addition, new apparatus Claims 16-21 have been inserted into this patent application.

In light of the foregoing, Claims 1-8 and 16-21 are now present within this patent application for examination on the merits, and an early and favorable action is now anticipated and awaited.

Respectfully Submitted,
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